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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 1997, Applicants enclose a new and proper Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection based on non-statutory double patenting.

Respectfully submitted,

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